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Dear Anne Foster:

What did one fish say to another fish that lives in the San Jacinto River? Nothing, because they're both dead! The San Jacinto River is the most toxic site in the United States. I am concerned about how our health, our pets, and our future generations will be affected by the toxic chemicals that are in our community's river.

There have been sightings of Big Foot! It's scary to think of the unknown, right? Well, the waste pits are scarier and known to cause "high rates of cancer" in people around this area. That's right! I think you have an idea of the Superfund site that is located in our river. There are seventeen different cancers" caused by the toxic waste in the River. People can get these cancers as a result of swimming in the river, eating the fish from the river, and also by drinking the water. Some people don't even know they are drinking toxic chemicals and they end up having cancer. So please-- it will benefit us greatly if you remove the waste pits from the River.

Dogs, birds, cats, lizards, and pets in general are also getting sick and dying because they don't know that the river or the water we give them to drink has toxic chemicals. Our pets are throwing up and having really bad diarrhea while not being able to move due to being in so much pain. Do you have that image in your head? Then why are you allowing this to happen by letting companies keep the waste pits in the San Jacinto River? Please understand the heartbreak this Superfund site is causing in our pets' lives.

What will the future generation think about this? Have you thought of the ugliness they will see by the river? They won't be able to swim in or explore the river. By exploring, I mean seeing healthy fish, frogs, and other wild animals that live near the river. The future generations will also be writing this letter if nothing is changed. If the waste pits are removed there could be school field trips. People could catch fish and swim in the river. Families could have lots of bonding time. Wouldn't that be a great thing to see?

So I write this letter not to bother you or to be mean to you, but to ask you to help get rid of the waste pits that are affecting our health, our pets' health, and our future generations. Since you have read this, please consider the facts and provide the help needed to remove the waste pits from our river.

Sincerely,

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